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Claim Listing

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
transferring at least one digital image from a memory associated with a customer's user's digital camera imaging device to a memory at a remote site;
displaying a price performing a financial transaction for storing the at least one digital image at the ~~[[a]]~~ remote site;
prompting a customer for payment of the price;
receiving a payment for storing the at least one digital image at the remote site;
storing the at least one digital image at the remote site; and
printing a sales receipt including the price paid for storing the at least one digital image at the remote site, the date the payment was received and for the transaction that includes a thumbnail of the at least one digital image stored at the remote site to confirm storage of the at least one digital image.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising uploading the at least one digital image to the remote site.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the Internet is used to upload the at least one digital image.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
receiving a plurality of digital images from the memory of the user's digital camera imaging device; and
selecting the at least one digital image from a plurality of digital images.
- 5-6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein transferring the at least one digital image includes reading memory that has been removed from the imaging device.

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8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the remote site is a server.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the remote site is an image storage web site.
10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the digital image is a picture image received from memory of a digital camera.
11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein transferring, displaying, prompting, receiving and printing are the transaction is performed at a kiosk.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the owner of the kiosk has a fee agreement with the owner of the remote storage site.
13. (Currently Amended) A method of storing a digital image captured by a digital camera imaging device, the method comprising:
- ~~removing memory from the digital camera imaging device;~~
 - ~~inserting the memory from the digital camera imaging device into a memory reader associated with a transaction machine;~~
 - accessing at least one digital image from a the memory from a the digital camera imaging device with a the transaction machine;
 - the transaction machine displaying a price for storing the at least one digital image at a remote site;
 - the transaction machine prompting a customer for payment of the price;
 - the transaction machine receiving a payment for storing the at least one digital image at the remote site;
 - storing the at least one digital image at the remote site;
 - ~~conducting at least a portion of a financial transaction at the transaction device for storing the at least one digital image at a remote site, the transaction machine adapted for use by a plurality of customers; and~~

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confirming storage of the at least one digital image at the remote site with a sales receipt that includes the price paid for storing the at least one digital image at the remote site, the date the payment was received and information identifying the at least one digital image stored at the remote site.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising printing the [[a]] sales receipt and wherein the information identifying the at least one digital image stored at the remote site includes for the transaction that includes identifying information related to the at least one, stored digital image, including a thumbnail of the at least one digital image to confirm storage of the at least one digital image.

15. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

means for transferring digital images from a customer's user's digital camera imaging device memory to a remote site;

means for storing the digital images at the remote site;

means for displaying a price for storing the digital images at the remote site;

means for prompting a customer for payment of the price;

means for receiving a payment for storing the digital images at the remote site;

means for performing at least a portion of a financial transaction for in response to storing at least some of the images at the remote site; and

means for printing a sales receipt including the price paid for storing the digital images at the remote site, the date the payment was received and receipts for the transactions that include information identifying the stored images, the identifying information including thumbnail images of the stored digital images.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 15, wherein the information identifying the stored images comprises thumbnail images of the stored images further comprising means for electronically transmitting paid for images to the remote site.

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17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising means for prompting a user to select at least one of the digital images for storing from the received digital images.
18. (Original) The system of claim 15, further comprising the remote site.
19. (Previously Presented) A mini-kiosk comprising:
a memory card reader; and
a processor responsive to the card reader and programmed to perform a point-of-sale financial transaction for sending digital images from a user's digital camera to a remote storage site, the processor confirming storage of digital images at the remote storage site in response to confirmation sent from the remote storage site, wherein the mini-kiosk is adapted for use by a plurality of customers.
20. (Original) The mini-kiosk of claim 19, further comprising a data communication device, responsive to the processor, for sending the digital images to the remote site.
21. (Original) The mini-kiosk of claim 19, further comprising at least one device, coupled to the processor, for entering payment information.
22. (Original) The mini-kiosk of claim 19, further comprising a receipt printer coupled to the processor, whereby the processor can command the printer to print out receipts of the transactions.
23. (Original) The mini-kiosk of claim 22, wherein the processor commands the printer to print receipts including thumbnails of paid-for images.
24. (Previously Presented) An article for a transaction machine, the transaction machine adapted for use by a plurality of customers, the transaction machine having a processor and an interface, the article comprising:

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computer memory linked to the processor, the interface communicatively coupled to the computer memory and the interface adapted to receive digital images from the plurality of customers; and

a program encoded in the computer memory, the program, when executed, instructing the processor to receive digital images via the interface, determine a price for storing the digital images at a remote site, process payment information, send paid-for digital images to the remote site, and to receive confirmation of storage of the paid-for digital images from the remote site.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein, selecting the at least one digital image from a plurality of digital images includes a user selecting at least one digital image from a plurality of digital images prior to submitting the at least one digital image to a transaction machine.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein, selecting the at least one digital image from a plurality of digital images further comprises:

displaying the plurality of digital images from memory of an imaging device; and
prompting the selection of at least one digital image from the plurality of digital images.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26 wherein displaying the plurality of digital images from memory of an imaging device is performed on a transaction machine.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein uploading the at least one digital image to the remote site further comprises storing the at least one digital image on a recordable medium.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein uploading the at least one digital image to the remote site further comprises mailing the recordable medium to the remote site.

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31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein the recordable medium is a CD ROM.
32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29 wherein the recordable medium is a tape.
33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~printing a the~~ sales receipt for the ~~transaction that includes a thumbnail of the at least one digital image~~ further includes a listing of the at least one digital image.
34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 33 wherein ~~printing a the~~ sales receipt for the ~~transaction that includes a thumbnail of the at least one digital image~~ further includes providing a code for the at least one digital image.
35. (Canceled)
36. (Previously Presented) The mini-kiosk of claim 22, wherein the receipt printer coupled to the processor prints receipts that include thumbnails of the digital images stored as a result of the transaction.
37. (Canceled)